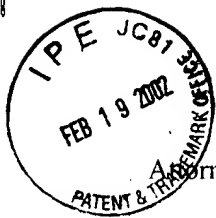


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Serial No.: 09/993,049

Filed: November 5, 2001

For: VEHICLE FLOOR COVERING WITH INTEGRAL THREADED DRAIN TUBE
AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

Date: January 7, 2002

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated December 5, 2001, the Applicant wishes to point out that this is a divisional application and therefore the only Declaration that needs to be provided is a copy of the Declaration from the parent application 09/344,394. Applicant provided a copy of this Declaration with its filing on November 5, 2001. Enclosed is a copy of the transmittal sheet indicating the Declaration was enclosed along with a copy of the postcard stamped from the USPTO mail room. Also included is a copy of the Declaration that was previously submitted.

Applicants believe that no fee is due or payable. However, you are authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 if we are in error.

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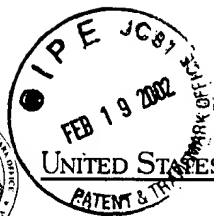
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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is:

- ☐ a patent application
☐ a Continuation ☒ a Divisional ☐ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP) Application of prior application no.: 09/344,394 filed June 25, 1999 the disclosures of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entities.
☐ and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____; filed _____.

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier: **William Duncan McIntosh, Ontario Canada**
Dayne Stuart Haight, Rochester Hills, Michigan

Entitled: **VEHICLE FLOOR COVERING WITH INTEGRAL THREADED DRAIN TUBE AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME**

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Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2. ☒ 27 pages of Specification (including 34 claims)
3. ☒ 4 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
 - a. ☐ newly executed (*original or copy*)
 - b. ☒ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 5 Below]
 - c. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
6. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
7. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)


8. ☒ Assignment papers (cover sheet(s) and document(s)) (Filed in Previous Application)
 9. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
 10. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and 20 references cited (NO COPIES PROVIDED)
 11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment (Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.)
 12. ☐ English Translation Document
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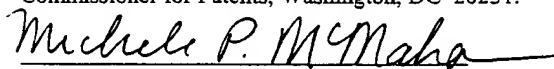

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✓ Declaration & POA (copy from previous app)

— Assignment and Fee

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